S. No.	Name of the Proposal	Forest Area involved	District	Pendency Since
12.	Construction of Waste Weir and tail Canal .	4.0 ha.	Pune	October, 1991
13.	Construction of Purna River Project. . .	166.00 ha.	Amravati	October, 1991
14.	Construction of Minor Irrigation Tank at Village Halvade in Kolhapur District. .	0.8844 ha.	Kolhapur	October, 1991
15.	Construction of Dasturi Garhwal Road. .	1.97 ha.	Raigad	August, 1991

II. *Pending clearance from environmental view point (as on* 30-11-91)

1.	LPG recovery plant (Phase I) at USAR by Gas Authority of India.	August, 1991.
2.	Pimpalgaon Open Cast Project	February, 1990.
3.	Gondegaon Open Cast Project	January, 1990.
4.	Bellora Open Cast Project	September, 1989.

Gas in oil fields of Assam

*294. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that flaring gas in the oil fields viz. Naharleatia, Duliajan, Morau, Lakwa can further be utilised for economically viable fertilizer plant;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to install more fertilizer plants in the industrially-backward Assam by utilising the same ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b). Available associated gas which is presently being flared has already been committed to two power plants in Assam.

*295. [*Transferred to the 13th December, 1991*].

Food poisoning in a school in Chandigarh

*296. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of children of a Sector 37 School in Chandigarh had to be rushed to the Hospital following food poisoning having taken Bakeman's biscuits which were supplied by the Patiala-based factory in a mid-day meal;

(b) whether the seized biscuits were sent for chemical examination;

(c) whether Government have investigated the ingredients of biscuits, if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken against the Company; and

(d) the remedial measures Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The sample biscuits were analysed chemically and were found contaminated. An FIR dated 11-11-1991 under sections 270, 273, 338 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code has been registered and 7 persons arrested. The contract with M/s. Bakeman Home Products has been cancelled forthwith and payment of the firm withheld. All the stocks of local supply Depot of M/s. Bakeman Home Products in Sector-22A of Chandigarh was sealed by the Police. The Chandigarh Administration

has also stopped distribution of Bakeman's biscuits available in the stock with the Department among school students. Samples of Bakeman's biscuits were also lifted from the local market and sent to Public Analyst for chemical and microbiological examination.

To avoid recurrence of such incidents, the Chandigarh Administration have issued instructions for inspections by a competent Medical Officer at the source of supply. Heads of Institutions will also make a random check and taste the sample to be distributed.

चिड़िया घरों में क्रूरता

297. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या **पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली चिड़ियाघर में पिछले कुछ वर्षों के दौरान पक्षियों तथा पशुओं की मृत्यु दर में तीव्र वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्षवार कितने पशु और पक्षियों की मौतें हुई है ;

(ग) क्या मृत्यु दर में वृद्धि के कारणों की जांच की गई है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो, उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और सरकार ने उसे रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए हैं ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Earnings of railways

*298. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Eastern, North-Eastern, Northern Frontier and South Railway Zones have been showing negative revenue earnings to capital-at-charge during the last several years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to improve financial position of these Zones ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The financial performance of the Indian Railways is normally judged for the system as a whole. These four Zonal Railways show negative revenue earnings. This is due to the preponderance of metre gauge, low density of traffic, mix of traffic, type of traction etc.

(c) It has always been the endeavour of the Indian Railways to economise in working expenses and improve earnings through better productivity of manpower, better utilisation of assets, saving in fuel, preventing losses and more effective marketing efforts.

Railway Over-bridge at Tindivanam

*299. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a Railway over-bridge at Tindivanam on the southern side of the Railway Station in South Arcot, Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have conducted a survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the reasons for not constructing the bridge so far;

(d) what steps are being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Railway can undertake the work, after the proposal for the bridge is sponsored by the State Government on cost sharing basis, as per rules.